Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—Government supplied the answer.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—This was referred to the previous Chief Engineer and he supplied the answer. Then why was the name of the permanent Chief Engineer put here?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—As a representative of the Government.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The answer is clear there. The report has not come to Government yet.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When the permanent Chief Engineer took charge of the Department, did he not take charge of this file also?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I have to take charge when he goes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—This is no answer to my question. Why not give the correct answer? (*Laughter.*)

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—This answer was supplied by the acting Chief Engineer and I was not referred to the answer.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—My question is what are the irregularities. The answer given is quite different. The answer refers to some other things.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I want notice for that.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—The question itself is what are the irregularities and that has not been answered. That is the question itself and not a supplementary question. No answer is given here. So no further notice is necessary.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—This answer was supplied by the acting Chief Engineer and I have no information about this answer. I have further no time to look into the report also.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is a bad confession.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—My point is no further notice of this question is necessary. The Chief Engineer has given the promise to give the answer next time.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Anyhow I shall ask this question again. (*Laughter.*)

Connecting Vellattanjur road with Erumapetti road.

75. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the inhabitants of the Vellattanjur Village have petitioned the Government to have the Vellattanjur road,

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No. 34 (a) connected with the Erumapetti road ;

(2) whether the Vellattanjur Panchayat has submitted a proposal for opening this road ;

(3) when was the first proposal made ;

(4) at what subsequent dates has the same proposal been renewed by the said Panchayat ;

(5) what action has been taken upon the petition and the proposal of the Panchayat ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes.

(3) In 1098.

(4) In 1101 and 1102.

(5) The petition and the proposals of the Panchayat were enquired into. The work had to be put off for want of funds.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Answer to part 5. May I know whether the Government knows the length of the road that was proposed?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—It is about 4 miles.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What is the length to be travelled now along the existing road from Vellattanjur to Erumappetti?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.- It is a detour from Vellattanjur. You have to go to Vadakkancheri and thence to Erumappetti.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—It is about four teen or fifteen miles.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—But the proposed road is only about 3 miles. As matters now stand, people have to travel about 14 or 15 miles distance to reach this distance of 3 miles. Has the Government decided to construct this straight road?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I think it was once explained in this Council that the opening of the road through this particular locality is very expensive. In the first place there are wet lands on the way and then we have to put up a bridge and these may cost 10 or 12 thousand rupees.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—So it is the enormous cost that stands in the way?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—Yes.

Stopping of further service connections in Ernakulm.

76. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the sub-leader published in the ' Aikyam' paper, dated

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